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Report Highlights:

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Trade

Burma exported 118,805 metric tons of beans and pulses in July 2009, down by 28 percent from the same period in 2008 following decreased shipments to India. Matpe accounted for 58 percent of the total exports, followed by Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 18 percent and Mung bean 15 percent. In July, India remained the largest buyer, accounting for 102,582 mt or 86 percent of total exports. Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans) imported 229 mt in July.

Additionally, trade sources reported that 9,200 mt of Matpe (raw), 9,900 mt of Matpe(ready cargo), 3,350 mt of Matpe (special quality ready cargo) and 350 mt of other beans and pulses were traded at the Bayint Naung Market in Rangoon in July.

Table: Bean and Pulse Exports in 2008 and 2009 (MT)

Month	2008	2009
January	91,596	192,619
February	138,477	169,236
March	288,839	206,703
April	415,895	82,743
May	209,967	74,501
June	211,582	321,187
July	165,710	118,805
August	112,897	
September	89,437	
October	44,184	
November	93,283	
December	134,319	
TOTAL	1,861,867	1,165,794
Others not included	0	0
Grand Total	1,861,867	1,165,794

Export Prospects

Trading of beans and pulses, especially that for Matpe, was active throughout July. The Pulses Traders Association notified its members in mid July that they need to register the sale contract of beans and pulses on an actual basis otherwise the Association has the right to reject the sales. This was done with the purpose of cracking down on unauthorized sales of export licenses between exporters. In the past, this practice has resulted in inflated sales contracts and when a downturn in prices occurs exporters refuse to pay traders previously contracted prices.

Exporters are speculating an increased demand from India in October and November mainly for Mung beans, Toor Whole and chick peas. The new high-moisture content crop of Mung bean production has entered wholesale markets in Upper Region of Burma. These supplies are nearly all bought by Chinese traders along the border. However, if traders are unable to unload their old stocks it is expected that this crop will have the effect of reducing prices.